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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of O'Neill, et al.	)	
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Serial No.: 09/600,206	)	Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Filed: January 8, 1999	)	Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
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For: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSORS	)	
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Attorney Docket No.: 22749-04002	)	

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to a telephone conference that the undersigned had with Vonda Wallace, Paralegal Specialist at the Patent Office, applicants respectfully request that the following changes be made in the above identified application. Please note that claim amendments in this Second Preliminary Amendment supersede those claim amendments in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the National Phase Entry Request on July 12, 2000. Applicants also respectfully request a refund of \$750.00 to the deposit account 03-0172 for the overpayment for 39 extra claims, including 8 independent claims, pursuant to the undersigned's conversation with Ms. Vonda Wallace. **The correct number of claims should have been a total of 39 claims with 2 independent claims.** This total of 39 claims (and not 65, or 59 as preliminarily amended) were pending in the International Application after an Article 19 Amendment was made.

Applicants respectfully request confirmation of credit to the Deposit Account.